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Irradiation in the production,  
processing and handling of food

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I am taking this time to write to voice my opposition as to ; whether the wording of the current radiation disclosure statement should be revised, and whether such labeling requirements should expire at a specified date in the future.

The proposed alternative terms such as "cold pasteurization" and "electronic pasteurization" are misleading and should not be used. The absence of a labeling requirement statement would be misleading because irradiation destroys vitamins and causes changes in sensory and spoilage qualities that are not obvious or expected by the consumer. Many of those consumers are children. I work with children and have frankly discussed it with them. When they say "why lie and not say "irradiated or irradiation?", I have to agree. C863

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